

## MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned a minority of the Committee on the Basis of Representation in the two Houses of the General Assembly and a proper apportionment of representation in the same, beg leave respectfully to report the following sections to be inserted in Article 3, of the Constitution entitled, Legislative Department :

Section 1. Every county of the State and the City of Baltimore, shall be entitled to elect one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and the City of Baltimore respectively, and who shall serve for four years from the day of their election.

Sec. 2. The Legislature at its first session after the returns of each National Census are published under the authority of Congress, shall apportion the members of the House of Delegates among the several counties of the State according to the population of each, and shall always allow to the City of Baltimore four more delegates than are allowed to the most populous county; but no county shall be entitled to less than two members, nor shall the whole number of delegates ever exceed——.

Sec. 3. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall before the next general election of Delegates after the adoption of this Constitution, proceed to lay off and divide the said city into twelve electoral districts of equal proportions as to population and of contiguous territory as near as may be, and shall after the returns of each National Census are hereafter published under the authority of Congress, and after the apportionment by the Legislature, lay off and divide the City of Baltimore into as many electoral districts as the said city may by said apportionment be entitled to delegates: and each district shall be entitled to elect one delegate.

Sec. 4. The apportionment of the delegates among the several counties and the several electoral districts of the City of Baltimore, shall be as follows until after the returns of the next National Census are published under the authority of Congress, and the apportionment by the Legislature as aforesaid, viz: each district of the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to one delegate for every seventeen thousand inhabitants, or fractional part thereof over and above one-half, and the several counties of the State shall be entitled to one delegate for every seven thousand inhabitants, or fractional part thereof over and above one-half, and upon this principle and giving to each county not less than two delegates; Allegany county shall be entitled to four delegates, Anne Arundel three, each